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Rainy Days In London

Gray—that is the word for London. It all begins when you get off the Calais-Dover ferry, and look about with wondering gaze at the untidy English landscape with its hard, uneven black earth, cluttered with slag-heaps, all null and void, gray-cold as death. Dampness is everywhere: it seeps and works its way fungus-like into clothes, brain and membrane, making the heart dimly sink and shudder. It is only twenty miles across the Channel from France, but you have left behind the sunshine and the green rolling hills, and have been suddenly submerged into this pale mist-and-rain enshrouded island. Another place, another world.

The grayness mounts when I leave the train at cavernous Victoria Station, and plunge into the circling millions of the world's largest city. The first hours and days in London, after some weeks of the charm and color of Paris, is really a descent into dullness. The heavy, square and flat-faced Victorian and Georgian architecture of the houses is inconceivably hideous and blighting, like great oarracks' walls, to the eye. The Englishman's home may be his castle, but there is not much to be said for it.

Indeed, everything is uniformly smeared with gradations of black-and-gray monotone. All of the taxis in London are black and squat: function is served but not the form. The trees and bushes in Hyde Park or Kensington Gardens droop, scraggly and melancholy on the rain-choked and winter-mortified earth. Even the coffee in the dull little shops is muddy, flat and stale; and all the seats are arranged so that you face the wall.

The people of London appear to have been affected by this mental and physical landscape of grayness. There they go: grim-faced and seedy, shabbily genteel and unpressed, implacably dull in appearance. There are so few pretty girls here that an attractive one is an object of wild surmise; they are, on the whole, devoid of the natural grace and beauty of the girls on the Continent, and instead, shuffle and drift along the sidewalks like interlopers from some north country mining town. Here and there stroll men in black bowlers and umbrellas, just like the comic Englishmen we see in the cartoons, somehow ridiculous in their austere protocol of dress and behaviour. Flair and taste seem to be deliberately avoided by the Englishman as being undignified, unmanly and therefore suspect.

Piccadilly Circus gliters, hard and brilliant and artificial, near the city's centre. It draws into its vortex people seeking diversion and entertainment in the cinemas, the theatres and the pubs. The traffic booms and explodes here; like restless homeless beetles hunting for cover, the cars and the double-decked buses grind to a halt and then swoop and swirl in a kind of perverse, masochistic ritual of clashing gears, threatening everything in their path—but going nowhere in particular, having no journey's end.

The enormous electric faces of the billboards proclaim to all and sundry that "Guinness is Good for You" and that you must drink Coca-Cola or Bovril if you wish to gain zest from a pinched life and escape from dullness. The message is whispered and howled in a dozen places along the many tongued street. But it is strangely mild; strangely pathetic, strangely revelatory of thwarted lives.

The pubs, too, partake of their share of dreariness. Most of them are drafty, dingy brown, and the high ceilings diffuse the light from the minimum candlepower of naked bulbs and flick ghostly shadows along the wet table-tops. The English ale is mild and sweet to the taste, and the drinkers lift enormous mugs to

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Mont'l Women's Exhibit Interests Embassy Guests

OTTAWA, Ont.—At the invitation of the Japanese Embassy to participate in an exhibition of ikebana, Mrs. Seisho Kuwabara, Mrs. M. Horisaki and Mrs. J. K. Tanaka of the Montreal Takeya School Seisho Kai attended the Embassy sponsored event held March 12 at Lansdowne Park Assembly Hall, Ottawa.

After an opening address by Mr. Maeda, color films on ikebana were shown. Following each showing several demonstrations in construction were given by Mrs. Kuwabara and Mrs. Horisaki with commentation by Mrs. Tanaka.

Of over 50 arrangements shown, about 25 were made by Mrs. Maeda, Mrs. Kawakami and other ladies of the Embassy staff, and displayed in one room, while 25 were done by the three Montrealers and exhibited around an enclosure of a Japanese room. Mrs. Hagiwara graciously contributed her own arrangement of philodendron and anemone, and Mrs. Kuwabara used in some of her arrangements a number of tropical plants brought back with her from Florida for the occasion.

The first of such an exhibition held in Ottawa, it was received with much interest and enthusiasm by more than 500 notable guests who attended.

MAIL TO JAPAN. The Oregon Mail is sailing from Vancouver on March 26th destined for Japan and Hong Kong.

Japan Donates Books to Canadian Library Week

Mrs. Matao Endo and Miss MacClean, head of the reference division of the Toronto Public Library, are seen during the opening of the Japanese collection of books at the First Canadian Library Week on March 18. —Photo by JACK HEMMY

His Excellency Toru Hagiwara, Ambassador of Japan to Canada officially opened the exhibition of books from Japan last Wednesday evening at the Toronto Public Reference Library.

With some 100 book lovers in attendance, 386 books, mostly in the English-language were donated by the Japanese government to Canada in connection with the hundreds of communities throughout Canada which will be celebrating the 1st Canadian Library Week. Sponsored by the Canadian Library Association, the Book Publishers' Association, and La Societe des Editeurs Canadiens des Livres Francais, it is devoted to the importance of reading in Canadian life, and the importance of all kinds of libraries—public school and university libraries, and the libraries maintained by individuals in their own homes.

On hand for the opening of the collection were Mr. John M. Bennett, head of the Toronto Public Library Board and Con. William Dennison, the city's representative on the library board.

Among the Japanese books in English covering general works, philosophy, history, social, natural, and medical science, engineering, industry, art, language and pediorical, there are some fascinating titles such as The 0.01% Tables of Modified Bessel Functions and the Tables for the Evaluation and Physiogenetical Studies on Moltonism and Voltinism in Bombyx Mori: A New Hormonal Antagonistic Balance Theory on Growth.

In Toronto, the display will be exhibited to the public until April 15th. Gallery hours: Monday to Friday, 10 a.m., to 9:30 p.m.; Saturdays: 10 a.m., to 6 p.m.; Sundays: 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Following the showing here, the collection, divided into 13 categories, will be circulated throughout Canada in the next two years.

Japan occupies one of the top-level publishing companies in the world by producing over 15,000 new books each year. Again, with more than 99% of her whole population reading, she translates over 1,200 foreign books into Japanese annually. Japanese people spend 7.5 million dollars for foreign books in one year.

Niibori Lecture Slated

A lecture on Japanese cherry trees and general gardening by Mr. Rinyei Niibori will be held under the auspicies of the Toronto JCCA, Japanese Canadian Gardeners Union, and the Centre Committee.

The Japanese tree expert who accompanied the Metro Tokyo donation of some 2,000 cherry trees to the City of Toronto arrived here this week to assist the Toronto Parks Commission in the planning. Ambassador Hagiwara will officially present them to Toronto at a presentation ceremony which is to take place on April 1.

The public is invited to hear Mr. Niibori's address (in Japanese) on Thursday, March 26, at 8:00 P.M. at the Toronto Buddhist Church Hall. Co-sponsorers of the lecture will hold a welcome party for the Japanese guest on Sunday, March 29, at 4:00 P.M., at the Golden Dragon Chop Suey House. Fee is $2.00 per person. Anyone wishing to attend, please apply to: T. Kameoka, Continental Times, or The New Canadian by Friday March 27.

During his brief stay in Vancouver upon his arrival, Japanese Canadian horticulturists there decided to form a union with the occasion of welcoming him to Canada. While there, Mr. Niibori inspected the cherry trees on the U of B.C. campus, particularly at the memorial garden of the late Dr. I. Nitobe in Stanley Park, and said the trees to be in excellent condition.

Upon being interviewed, Mr. Niibori declared that there are 2,000 cherry trees in the shipment. Commenting further, he explained that 5 extra trees were included with the shipment to honor the wishes of a young student in Japan.

With news being published in the Asahi Shimbun of Tokyo's donation to Toronto, Toru Nozawa, a high school student in Tokyo arranged with Mr. Niibori, through the Japanese newspaper, to have 5 trees sent to an Occidental pen pal, Miss Rose Fraser of 212 Grenayr Road here in Toronto as a token of friendship.

He concluded by saying that with the understanding of city park officials, the five saplings will be planted with the others at the city nursery until such time they are thought to be matured, and will be forwarded to Miss Fraser at her Grenayr Road address.

JA Christians in U.S. On Fund Drive for Japan

BERKELEY.—For the 100th anniversary of Protestant Christian mission in Japan, the Japanese Christians in America are now raising a sum equal to one million yen as a fund for the Japan Christian Council, it was announced by Rev. Lester Suzuki of Berkeley.

The Issei division of the Northern California Christian Federation has been working on this project diligently, Rev. Suzuki said the Nisei are now being urged to make donations.

All contributions, either by individuals or by churches, should be sent to H. Sitagawa, 1282 Turk St. in San Francisco.

"All of this money will be used for Japan evangelism fund, and nothing for the 100th anniversary tour, which is being collected separately," Rev. Suzuki emphasized.

Top Rate Students Picked For Citizenship Tour

CALGARY, Alta.—For proving to be good citizens themselves, two Calgary teen-agers have been chosen as Calgary's high school students, two Grade XI students, 15-year-old Abie Okazaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Okazaki, 2128 28th Ave., S.W., will be sponsored by the Manchester Rotary Club, and Shelagh McCormick, 17-year-old student, by the Calgary Rotary Club.

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They will leave Calgary on May 6, and after having spent the best part of four days watching Canadian government in action and touring points of interest in Canada's capital, they will return on the 16th.

Abie, who has advanced to the semi-finals in the Rebekah-Oddfellows public speaking competition representing Viscount Bennett Junior-Senior High School, is a member of the Students' Council executive, the Hi-Y Club, the Badminton Club, is sports editor of the school paper and takes an active part in school sports as well as maintaining high average in his studies. Abie plans to become a lawyer.

Japan Sees Trade Boost in St. Lawrence Seaway

TOKYO.—Japanese trading circles are looking gleefully forward to the day in late April when Queen Elizabeth II is expected to inaugurate the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway linking the Atlantic with the Great Lakes region. They believe the seaway will bring about a marked increase in Japanese exports because of greatly reduced shipping costs. This was the expectation disclosed in a survey published by the Japan Export Trade Recovery Organization on the effects of the St. Lawrence Seaway. JETRO said one-third of the 200 million dollars worth of sundries Japan exported to the United States in 1958 were shipped to Chicago by rail from New York. The seaway, however, will allow Japanese goods to be delivered by ship directly to that region via the Atlantic. JETRO officials also expect Toronto to become a promising market for Japanese machinery and industrial products besides sundries.

KEG NEWS ACROSS CANADA

SUNDAY 10-PIN. Mar. 15: Jim Morita 563 (244); Tosh Muraki 556 (246); Terry Doi 555; Bob Shiraishi 526 (212); Nick Nozuye 526 (204); Tosh Fujioka 522; Mike Doi 517; Ken Nakanishi 516; Harry Kadohama 513; Jeep Seki 508; Tad Wakabayashi 505; Herby Hamade 502.

Ladies: Shirley Hayakawa 449; Mary Mitsuki 443; Yoko Noda 426; Marg Hakagawa 420; Susie Uyede 418; Lucy Nishikawa 416; Anne Okada 409; Alice Nagami 403; Shirley Aihoshi 402; Terrie Yamanaka 400.

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Team results: George Ohori over Frank Omoto, Herb Hamade over John Nishimura, Mike Doi over Anne Okada, 4-0; Tosh Fujioka over Barney Ozawa, Yoko Noda over Terry Doi, Paul Omoto over Mas Kawabata, Terrie Yamanaka over Tad Wakabayashi, 3-1; Jim Morita and Ken Doi split 2-2. —**Barney O.**

FRIDAY 10-PIN. Mar. 13: Sab Seki 599 (231); Kim Morita 548; Jack Watanabe 545 (200); Curly Nakagawa 543; Porky Ito 526; Ken Moritsugu 521; Herby Morita 517; Ken Doi 514 (209); Tom Takahashi 511; Roy Kobayashi and Joe Fujimoto 508; Jeep Seki 506; Ken Yamada 505; Sid Kondo 504 (211); Yukio Murata 502; Ken Baine 501.

Ladies: Joyce Nakamichi 493 (200); Sumi Schweitzer 468; Eri Tanaka and Mary Ebata 451; Louise Baniel 446; Marie Kobayashi 432; Toki Yonemitsu 429; Joan Hamade 419; Pat Ono 418; Toy Hashizume 416; Terry Yamanaka 405; Rose Yasui 404.

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Team results: Kayo Shigetomi over Lewis Men's Wear, Hayashi Studio over Yamada Studio, 4-0; Monarch Shirts over Quality Crests, Central Cleaners over Crown Crests, Doi's Marketeria over Radio Vision, Male Shoppe over Stadium Garage, Mercury Cleaners over Queen Hardware, Tets Ikeda over Ken Ito, 3-1; Zuchter's 2½ over Ginza Cafe 1½; George Kubota and Kei Tanaka, Frank Idenouye and Paul Hiramatsu, Double S Tile and Archie Matsumoto split 2-2.

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Blind draw score winners were Mas Osaka, Les Doi and Jim Morita with 163. —**Mary Ebata**

BEST-BESTWAY. Mar. 16: Bob Gatiss 657 (211, 251); George Anzai 652 (215, 229, 208); Frank Teshima 618 (251); H. Moritsugu 618 (230); Frank Mizutani 608 (243).

Ladies: Pearl Kerr 617 (232, 220); Ellen Hughes 598 (214).

Team results: Yonge over Scarboro, 7-0; Bayview over Kenwood, 4-3; Jane over Bathurst, Dufferin over Donlands, 5-2.

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Team standings: Dufferin 127; Kenwood 102; Donlands 99; Yonge 94; Bathurst 89; Jane 87; Bayview 80; Scarboro 78. —**HM**

VANCOUVER. Mar. 7: Bob Yamaoka 806 (321); Dave Matsuba 788 (285); Ken Yurugi 746 (261); Jun Chiba 745 (262); Bill Haraga 735 (330); Aki Sakiyama 713 (267).

Ladies: Ruby Okano 714 (262); Tazie Sugie 626 (221).

Bob Yamaoka, absent for four weeks, came up with a high triple of 806. Bill Haraga rolled a high single of 330. Our ladies were off the usual form except Ruby Okano who bowled a high triple of 714.

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March 14: Mammy Yabe 839 (312); Butch Hamakawa 779 (276); Roy Nukina 750 (285); Aki Sakiyama 730 (307); Kaz Nakamblo 723 (316); Shig Sakaki 700 (308).

Ladies: Sumire Sakamoto 705 (321); Mich Fujisawa 633 (300); Yosh Inouye 625 (214); Connie Nozaki 600 (206). —**Kaz**

DANFORTH. Mar. 16: One more night to go and 3 teams battling it out for the trophy. Scores for the night—George Abe 764 (289); Tak Towata 749.

Ladies: Pat Ono 740 (277); Maki Nishimura 679; Torchy Abe 655 (287); Rhoda Masuda 640; Yoshiko Oda 615 (272).

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Team standings: Don 110; Roy 106; Aki 104; Harley 100; Yo 96; Ken 91; Tak 75; Nak 74. —**Harley**

REC SOCRATIC. Mar. 15: Ernie Jomori had a "on" day with a fine 800 (300); Tad Miura followed with 740 (273); Shig Akada 686 (256); Ken Izumi 672 (279).

For the ladies, Jean Nagata was high with 628 (238); Sue Uyeno was right behind with 624 (239); Shiz Kikuta 592 (212).

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大林清

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「誰か若い記者でもやろうかと思つたが、あんたが行つてくれるんなら非常に好都合だから。入社テストのつもりでどうだね」

荻野が氣負つているのに比べると、編集局長の方は夏目の自由意志にまかせると云う風だつた。

夏目はその仕事を引受けるか否かよりも、じゆん子とロスタンが普通の間柄でないようにほのめかされたことに、變に胸をつかれた。

「いいじやないか、行つて來いよ。京都見物のつもりで行くだけだつて惡くはないだろう。おれなんかそう云う面白い仕事なら、志願してでも行きたいところなんだが、いまのところ幾急ながら、デスクを動けないん

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ロスタンとじゆん子が列車の座席に並んで行く樣を、夏目はまざまざと思い描いた。すると、怪しく胸が騷ぎはじめた。個人のスキャンダルをまるで秘密探偵のように尾行して探訪するやり方は輕蔑するが、じゆん子をロスタンにゆだねることに、夏目は平氣でいられなかつた。

「京都へ行つて行動をつきとめればいいんですか」

「そうだね、同じホテルへでも泊れば、何にも寢室をのぞかなくたつて、大体の關係はわかるだろう。ことに君は當人を知つているんだから、直接ぶつかつて見たつてよかろう。旅費はいますぐ會計から出させるよ。荻野君、いいようだつたら會計に傳票を切つてくれ」

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「じやア、荻野君とよく相談して、なるべく行つてくれたまえ、一泊で充分だよ。どうせ費用もあんまり出んからね」

人事消息

■婚約

▲トロントの鶴田豊蔵氏夫妻息女幸惠（フィルミ）孃と同市の米滿精助氏夫妻息ジョージ氏は三月八日婚約した。

■出生

▲トロントの瀬元メジャー氏夫人アイリーンさん（舊姓佐藤）は一月二十七日ウエスタン病院で男子を出産デビッド・アレンと命名した。

■死亡

▲トロントの林與惣太郎氏（六八）は十九日午後自宅で死去、十九日エリオット葬儀社で通夜を營み二十日佛教會で告別式を執行した。

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「櫻」の新堀氏講演

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東京都からトロント市へ寄贈の櫻苗木二千本と共に來市中の東京都建設局公園緑地部技術課長新堀林榮氏の講演會が、トロント市協、日系庭園業組合、會館建設委員會三者合同主催で三月二十六日(木)午後八時から佛教會堂階下で開かれることになつた。櫻樹に關することをはじめガーデン一般につき良い參考になる話がきける筈なので多數の出席方が希望されている。

歡迎會は廿九日

尚右三者主催の新堀氏歡迎會は二十九日(日)午後四時金龍樓で開かれる。會費二弗で、出席希望者は二十七日までに龜岡氏か南新聞社まで申込まれたい。

▲新堀氏は晩香坡滞在中ビーシー大學構内の新渡戸博士記念庭園、スタンレーパーク内の日本櫻等を觀察したし、晩市の日系庭園業者は新堀氏歡迎を機會に組合を組織することになつたという。

▲トロントへの櫻樹は今週末に到着、市公園課で受取つたが、正式な贈呈式は四月一日に擧行、萩原大使が來市される筈

オタワの生花展好評

【オタワ發】駐加日本大使館主催で去る十二日ランスダウン・パーク公會堂に於て生花展覧會を開いたさい、当市より竹屋流生花會正笑會の桑原正笑師、堀崎まがき、田中育代子諸夫人が參加した。日本の生花映畫の上映あり、前田參事官の紹介で桑原、堀崎兩夫人の生花實演、田中夫人が解説した。一室にオタワの前田、河上夫人ら館員諸夫人により二十四、五點の生花展示、別室に正笑會の三夫人の作品二十數點を飾り中央に日本間を設け、萩原大使夫人の生花、桑原夫人がフロリダから持ち歸つた珍植物は目を惹いた。來會者は約五百名であつたが、オタワでは最初の催しで大好評であつた。

トロント佛教會 彼岸會と花祭り

トロント佛教會は明日曜午

なお四月四日と五日、降誕會花祭大會を催し、佛教學者として知名の宮本正尊博士をシカゴから迎えて講演會を行う準備をすすめている。なお花祭りには日本から甘茶をとりよせて灌佛する。

●如月貯蓄部の受付と顯母子講は二十九日の日曜に都合上變更。

大學生の訪日團組織

カナダ二世の稲本昇教授が

カナダ生れの二世、稲本昇氏はロサンゼルスのサザーン・カリフォルニア大學で日本學擔當教授であるが、二世の大學生に眞の日本を見聞する機會を與える目的で「夏季大學生訪日見學團」を組織することになり、七月六日ロサンゼルス出港のウィルソン號で三十四日間訪日する。團費は往復旅費および滞在費をふくみ一人千三百九十五弗。參加希望者はプレシデント・ライン日系人部主任、岡部氏まで申込むこと。稲本教授は訪日見學團組織についての趣意書を本紙に送つて來ているので、追つて發表する。

水曜夜に日本映畫

晩市で大入滿員の好評をとつたオヤマ・ショウ提供總カラー、大映オールスターの顔合せ「月形半平太」と都會の地下に暗躍する密輸團と警察陣の戦いを描いたドライ活劇「信號は赤だ」兩篇は來る二十五日(水)午後六時と九時、トロント市内アス日ニュースも上映する。なおハミルトン市は四月二日(木)午后七時半よりケネルウオース劇場でうつす。

新五仙スタンプ

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△春になるということは生物体にとつて、冬ごもりの「靜」から活動をはじめる「動」へ移つて行く時期で、人間のからだも、春をむかえて体の代謝も活潑になり、いわば健康の端境期で、生活の不規則や榮養の不足があらわになつてくる時なのだ、とお醫者さんはいう。

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△それでも日一日と陽當りが延び、雪解けした一部の庭土から、青さを失わない芝草がのぞいているのを見ると、春先きを教えてくれて、心もやわらぐわけである。ガーデンになげつけたノレッドのはしを、小鳥たちが見向きもしなくなるのも、そう遠い日ではなさそうだ。

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日本の本

梅月生

向う二ヵ年カナダ各地の図書館で展示される日本書籍三八六冊(英文)の披露が去る水曜日夜トロントの図書館で行われた。

これらの本は、日本の哲学、歴史、社会科学、自然科学、医学、技術、産業、芸術、文学、語学等、ありとあらゆる分野にわたつたものであるが、私のような素人目をすぐにいくいは、何といつてもアートの部類のものである。『琉球紫織名品集』(二三五弗)『日本色絹古陶集』『南米プレ・インカ染織図録』(二〇〇弗)『光琳扇面画集』『民家の庭』『石の造形』『竹の造形』等々—その印刷といい製本といい、日本独特と言えるものであろうし、全くすばらしい。琉球時代の工芸品 織物の模様と色合の落着きに吸いつけられて私は、日本の田舎での幼時の藍染の手織の着物の柄や色合いのこと、その日の午後に萩原大使と会つた時にきいた『沖縄は日本にとつて大切な点が少くとも二つはある、蚕(カイコ)と甘藷(サツマイモ)の交配による品種改良は、暖かくて一年中何べんでもこれを繰返すことが出来る沖縄でなくてはできないという事だ』という話なども思い出して長いことそこを離れることが出来なかつた。

トロント市の図書館における一般への展示会は、三月十九日から四月五月と続くのであるが、ぜひとお参観することをおすすめしたい。

水曜夜の披露会には百余名の出席者があり、市図書館委員長ベネット氏が司会デニソン市参議が祝辞を述べ、キャンベル図書館長が萩原大使を紹介して、大使が挨拶した。

フォーラム 神野専氏を憶う

佐賀清重

神野さんの急逝を惜む。

君は七十有年の全生涯、徹頭徹尾、自己の肉弾を以て驀進して退くを知らぬせいう、それは一家のことを顧もせず、常に日系人間の権利、義務を白人のそれのレベルへと向上に努力して来た。

君は日系人間に介在するあらゆる団体に名を連ねる観があり、名の通り必ず責任を果すのに日が足らないようであつた。キチラノ時代は、一日の仕事を了え、夕食を食うとすぐ家を出ていろいろの会合に出席し十二時より早く帰宅しなかつたという。これが一年通しての時間的な歩みであつた。

君の尽したなかで、最も力を注いだのは同志と共に日系人労働組合の盛り上りと、講道館柔道の普及の二つが挙げられる。他の団体に於ても、君の熱意はさめたことはなかつた。却つてその激しい言葉は相手を極度に興奮させた。直情・径行的で、直観に訴えるかの君は、沈思黙考の必要を認めなかつたし、躊躇・逡巡遠慮は無用の文字のようであつた。戦前、晩市『庭組』のことに関しては、よく君の大声を浴せられて激昂し應酬したものだつたが、話がわかればカカ大笑して和解する。私慾の少ない人であつた。

君は日本人の余分なものを省いていた。腰を低くして相手の顔をうかがうようなことはしなかつた。いつでもどこでも自分の所信を体ごと打ち出す風格であつた。全く私心を置き忘れた公僕の姿であつた。荒削りではあつたが、スケールは大きかつた。無雑作な君にして、一つの潔癖があつた醤油、味噌を一つ皿で食べないのは常識だが、君はおかずの種によつて皿を別にした。

神野センで通用しているが、僕の名は『アッム』というのだと、この時ばかりは遠慮深そうに教えてくれた過去の日を想う。君は信仰を持たなかつたけれども信念の人であつた。私のあるか、ないかの信仰に比べて君の信念は遥かに大きいもので、その根は各方面に根づいているはずである。

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＝マクミラン英首相がオタワ訪問の結果＝

【オタワ發】このほどソ連を訪問、クルシチエフ・ソ連首相らとベルリン問題について語り合つたマクミラン英首相は今週オタワに飛來カナダ政府首腦者とベルリン問題に關して重要協議した結果、カナダはマクミラン首相の同問題に對する方針を全的に支持したと傳えられる。英首相はスミス外相と歐洲問題について十分懇談するはずであつたが、スミス外相が急死したためデイフエンベーカー首相兼外相のほか閣僚と語り合つた。英首相はカナダの支持をうけた提案をかかえて、十九日ワシントンに飛び、アイゼンハワー大統領と會談した。

國連の役割研究 デ首相が言明

【オタワ發】デイフエンベーカー首相は、ベルリン問題解決にあたつて國連の果す役割を更に研究すべきであると言明した。これはマクミラン英首相が、ベルリン問題の善處について國連が積極的に働きかけるべきだとする意見にデ首相が同調したもので、これについて國連の役割を吟味する必要があると主張したものである。

スミス外相急死

一年半の激務で過勞がたたる

【オタワ發】十七日午后のオタワ議會でデイフエンベーカー首相は突如、起立して發言を求め「閣僚の一人であり、永い間の友人であるスミス外相が、ちようど二三分前に急死した」と發表するや、議場はシンと靜まり、全議員は大きいショックをうけた。議會はスミス外相の死に弔意を表するため直ちに閉會が宣せられた

スミス外相（六二）は自宅でひとり中食をとり、午后二時半始鈴の議會に登院しようとしたところ、氣分が惡くなり、ベッドに倒れたままだつたのを歸宅したスミス夫人が見出し、ドクターを呼んだが手おくれであつた。死因は心臟マヒである。スミス外相はカナダ最大のトロント大學總長として手腕をふるい、十一の名譽博士號をうけた大學者。デイフエンベーカー首相に請われて外相の地位についてからわずか一年半、この重要ポストにおける激務が同外相の死を早めたものとみられている。同外相の死はカナダの大損失として各方面から惜まれている。故外相の國葬は二十日午后オタワで行われ、ト大學でも特別に追悼サービスを催した。

清宮がご婚約

＝島津久永＝

【東京發】このほどはたちの誕生日を迎えた明朗な清宮さんは、記者會見で「夫は私自身が選びます」といい好きな男性については「私が選んだ人を見て戴く」とユーモラスな應答ぶりをして記者團を煙にまいたが、今週の讀賣と毎日新聞は「清宮さまは皇后の從弟にあたる島津久永氏（二五）を夫君に選ばれることになつた」旨宮內廳で決定に到達したと報じている。清宮さまの夫になる島津氏は元島津久成男爵の二男、目下日本輸出入銀行調査部に勤務中で、婚約の正式發表は皇太子さまのご成婚後に行われる豫定。

七月ハワイ立州

米上下兩院は先週、ハワイ立州案を可決、アイゼンハワー大統領は十八日同法案に署名したので、ここにハワイは米國の第五十州になり、來る七月、ハワイ立州は正式化することになる。

日本のペン友 櫻五本を贈る

ト市のローズ・フレザー孃へ

東京都下の一男子中學生が、トロントに住むペン友達の白人娘さんに『友情の櫻苗木五本』を新堀林肇氏にことづけてきたことが明るみに出た。

▲この學生は野澤徹君（東京都板橋區志村本蓮沼町）でト市のグレネア・ロード二二に住む高校女生ローズ・フレザーさんとは永い間のペン友達、朝日新聞に『トロントに贈られる櫻苗木』の記事をみた野澤君は同新聞社を訪れてフレザー孃に心からの贈物、櫻五本も一緒に送つて貰いたいと申出た。そこで新聞社は新堀氏に連絡、公式にはお預りするわけにはいかないがこの學生の純情を汲んで、なんとかして五本だけ携行しフレザー孃にお渡ししましよう」と新堀氏の粹なとり計いになつたもの。

▲新堀氏は準備から一カ月もかかつた櫻苗木をみるまでは心配だし、この雪の中に植えることも難しいので市公園課にその旨をふくめて、フレザー孃に贈られた五本も一緒にナースリーに假植して貰い、根付いてから引取るようフレザー孃にお傳わするつもりだと語つている。

晩市に寄港

新日本汽船

【東京時事通信】新日本汽船は今週、運輸省に「四月から日本—北米太平洋航路を新設する」旨の屆出を行い受理された。これは同社の北米航路强化方針の一環として行うもので月間一航海の配船を行い、日本では神戸、名古屋、清水、横濱。北太平洋岸ではバンクーバー、シャトル、タコマ、ロングビュー、ポートランドその他に寄港する。第一船は摩耶春丸で四月十三日神戸出港の豫定。

宮內廳の雅樂 米各地で演奏

【東京時事通信】宮內廳の雅樂がニューヨークその他における公演のため、米國に派遣されることになつた。この計畫はかねてから米國側にあり、日本側では日本國際文化振興會が米國側と打合せの結果まとめられたもの。

晩市出港 東洋向船

昨年五〇二隻

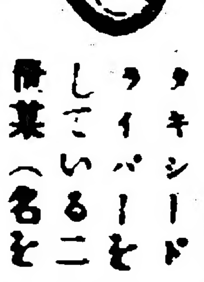
【晩市發】當港から日本、インドなど東洋向けの出港船は昨年五〇二隻で一昨年の三五一隻にくらべて飛躍的な增加である。この傾向は對東洋向け輸出が盛んになつていることを物語るもので、晩市から出港した全遠洋航海船の三八パーセントが東洋向けということは戰後以來の最高記錄である。ビーシー州からは小麥、木材、パルプ、新聞紙、サモンおよび小麥粉などが東洋に送られ、東洋からは雜貨のほか機械、フルーツなどが送られてきた。

比島殘留の元日本兵 土人をめとり大農園

【マニラ發】日本國會が決議までして、フイリピンのルバング島に殘留する元日本將兵、小野田寬郞元少尉と小塚金七一等兵の二人を救出することになり、比島の警官と日本出先公館が協力して『早く出てこーい』と呼びかけているが、いまだに終戰を信じないのか、さつぱりこれに應じなく、手を燒いている。

▲ルバング島に生き殘つたこの二人の元軍人にはいろいろと風說がついているが現地民のある者は三九年二年、日本軍がマニラ占領前に、フイリピン政府が貯藏の金延棒の一部をこの島の奥深くにかくしたのを二人がみつけて、去ろうとしないのである。

▲また他の現地人の語るところによると、二人は山奥に大農園を開墾し、作物をつくり、ニワトリを飼い、盗んだブタをふやし、土人娘と結婚して農園に幸福に暮しているという。そして時折、沿岸に出ては盗みを働き、みつけられて警備、現地人の一人を殺したというので、『見つけ次第に射ち殺せ』とフイリピン政府が命令を出したが、ちよつと待つたと日本大使館が、自分たちに話させてみてくれと申出た。そして空中から親や親類や友人からの『歸って來い』の勸告ビラをまいているが、いまだに姿を現わさないというのである。



△ト市內でタキシードライバーをしている二世某（名を秘す）は乘客の飮みや酒を求めた廉で罰金三百弗を課され、そのうち百五十弗は乘客が支拂つたというが、それが誰であつたかを判事が聞いたが「絶對にいわぬ」と頑張り、結局ドライバーライセンスを取り上げられた

カナダ 關係者が歡迎

＝訪日團は厚い招待に感激＝

【東京、鈴木發】パイオニーア訪日團一行は十一日午後四時より霞友會館で開かれた外務省主催の茶話會に招待された。元カナダ公使、日加協會々長の德川家正氏は一行を玄關に迎えて喜び外務省側の出席者は森アメリカ局長、牛場經濟局長、吉田元トロント領事、廣田元晩市領事、吉川元ウ市領事らのほか木村、中小、野村、柳、在地諸氏の元カナダ駐在關係、アメリカ局有田、須磨、岡本冬氏、吉澤清次郞元公使らで、吉澤、吉田、吉川、廣田氏よりカナダの憶い出について話があつた

△壽會側は門永團長が謝辭を述べ、壽會の性格と今回の觀光團組織が日系人社會の親子關係の美しい協力による旨を述べて拍手をあびた。十二日午前中は皇居拜觀、中食には東京銀行の招待を受けつつ銀行女子從業員の日本舞踊の美しさに目をみはり、午後は日本劇場の春の踊りのケンランな舞台におどろき、夕方は品川プリンス・ホテルで在日カナダ市民協會主催の茶話會に出席した。

△上陸の夜の豪雨に洗われた東京都は、この兩日は快晴に惠まれ、絶好の觀光日和となり、各方面からの厚い招待に團員は非常に感激した。十二日午後、門永團長ほか井手、後藤、大西諸氏ら幹部は東京都を訪問しトロント市長よりの親善メッセージを傳達し併せてトロント市公園に贈られた櫻苗木に就ても感謝を述べ

Personal Notes Across Canada

Marriages

YOKOTA-WAKABAYASHI

Montreal, Quebec.

The Rev. A. A. Rogers officiated at the marriage of Chiyomi Wakabayashi, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nobuyoshi Wakabayashi of Montreal, and Kenji Yokota, eldest son of Mrs. Yasu Yokota of Montreal, at the Fairmount St. Giles United Church, on March 7, 1959.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Masae Kita, as the matron of honor. Yoich Yasui was best man and the ushers were Takayoshi and Kiyoshi Yokota.

The newlyweds honeymooned to Bermuda following the reception at the Bucharest.

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INOUYE-SHIBATA

Vernon, B.C.

United in marriage on February 7, 1959, were Hideko Shibata, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tameshichi Shibata of Vernon, and Masaru Inouye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tomojiro Inouye of Hope, B.C., at the Vernon Japanese Canadian Farmers Ass'n Hall at which Rev. S. Ikuta officiated.

The reception was held at the Roundup.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Major Fukumoto (nee Irene Sato) of Toronto, are happy to announce the birth of their son, David Allen, on January 27, 1959, at Western General Hospital.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Suzo Tsuruda of Toronto, wishes to announce the engagement of their daughter, Phylis Yukiye, to George Yonemitsu, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isuke Yonemitsu of Toronto, on March 8, 1959.

Obituaries

ARAI

Yu Arai, beloved wife of the late Mozaemon Arai, passed away at St. Michael's Hospital, in Toronto, on March 3, 1959.

She is survived by two sons, Arthur M., and Dr. Arnold T., and three daughters, Mrs. M. Nakamura (Yuki), Hedy and Miyoko.

Funeral services were conducted on March 6th at the Centennial Japanese United Church by the Rev. Dr. K. Shimizu, assisted by the Rev. Bruce Cunningham and the Rev. Takashi Komiyama.

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TANIGUCHI

Mrs. Toi Taniguchi, 51, of Taber, Alberta, passed away on March 9, 1959, after a lengthy illness.

Tsuya and funeral services were conducted on the 11th at the Taber Buddhist Church.

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AMEMORI

Mr. Rinji Amemori, 75, of Toronto passed away on March 19, 1959, at the Victoria Nursing Home.

Tsuya was held at home last evening, and funeral services will be conducted today at the Toronto Buddhist Church at which Rev. Newton Ishiura will officiate.

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HAYASHI

Mr. Yosotaro Hayashi, 68, passed away on March 18, 1959, at his residence in Toronto.

Tsuya was held at the Elliot Funeral Home on the 19th, and funeral services on the 20th, officiated by Rev. Newton Ishiura at the Toronto Buddhist Church.

CALENDAR

March

21—Toronto. JCCA Inaugural and Appreciation Banquet at Driftwood Restaurant, 7:00 p.m. $2.00 for guest. Dancing to follow.

21—Toronto. "Japan Night" sponsored by Greensborough Community Baptist Church in complete charge by Toronto Nisei Women's Club.

22—Toronto. Toronto Nisei Golf Club's get-together and election. Armadale Hall, 1331-A Dundas West. 7:30 p.m. sharp.

22—Vancouver. Nisei Fellowship welfare visit.

25—Toronto. Oyama Show Tsuki-gata Hampei-ta and Shingo-wa Akai (Signal is Red) 6.00 and 9.00 p.m. at Astor Theatre.

27—Lethbridge. 8th Annual JC Alberta Bowling Tourney at Lethbridge Bowladrome. 12.00 noon sharp.

27—Raymond. "Miss Sunny Alberta" Dance sponsored by Raymond YBA at Henderson Lake Pavilion. 9 to 1 with admission at $1.50 per.

27—Toronto. Monte Carlo Nite under sponsorship of Rec Sociatic Dance Club at UNF Hall. Further details at a later date.

28—Toronto. [illegible] Credit Union Limited's Annual Meeting. Armadale Hall, 8:00 p.m. Social to follow.

April

2—Hamilton. Same Japanese movies of Oyama Show previously shown in Toronto. [illegible] p.m. at Kenilworth Theatre.

3—Vancouver. Nisei Fellowship sponsored Glenn Miller Night at Hastings Auditorium. Dancing 9 to 1.

4—Toronto. Annual Children's Easter Party by Toronto Nisei Women's Club.

4—Toronto. CKBBA sponsored judo tournament at YMHA Auditorium. Fourth Eastern championships. 7:30 p.m.

4—Toronto. Informal discussion on Buddhism at Buddhist Church. Guest speaker Dr. Miyamoto.

5—Toronto. Toronto Buddhist Church Hanna Matsuri Festival at Buddhist Church. 10:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

8—Montreal. Homemaker's Club meeting at Mrs. Helen Ogura.

18—Beamsville. Opening Day Ceremony for Nipponia Home. 2:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

24—Montreal. Japanese Canadian Centre's Annual Bazaar at the Centre. Bazaar also to be held over the next day, the 25th.

25—Hamilton. Kodokan sponsored judo tournament at Hamilton Forum. Southern Ontario tournament.

25—Montreal. "April Dance" sponsored by Committee of Stewards of the Montreal Japanese United Church. Church of All Nations.

dates and doings

MONTREAL NEWS

The next Nisei W.A. meeting is slated for Wednesday, March 25, at 8:00 p.m. The program for the evening includes a cooking demonstration by Mrs. Y. Niiya. An invitation for the ladies to join the fellowship, and to the evening of the meeting is extended.

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The Bible Study Discussion Group meets every Thursday evening at 8:30 p.m. The members are contemplating the study of Mark. An invitation is extended to join in the study group and to participate in the discussions.

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The Choir is practicing for the Easter Service every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. There is still a need of more voices, so the church urges anyone who enjoys singing to come out and join the choir.

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The Easter Service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Easter Sunday, March 29. The Japanese United Church cordially invites you to worship on this day.

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The Committee of Stewards under the chairmanship of Kaz Nishio are planning a dance for April 25th. Last year, it was called "The Dance", and it was. This year, again, plans for the "April Dance" are in the planning stage.

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McGill Campus Club

The terms of the newly established McGill University Bursary are as follows:

The bursary of $50 to $100 is open in equal terms to men and women of Japanese Canadian parentage. It is open to students in any degree course who have completed at least one year at McGill. The award is made by the University Scholarship Committee on the basis of academic standing, character and leadership ability and financial need.

The bursary will be given only if an adequate standard is obtained (at least a good second class standing) and if funds are available.

Applications can be made on the regular university bursary application forms.

At McGill University, an award must exceed $500 to be called a scholarship. The bursary does not entail duties to be performed for the university. It is hoped that the first bursary (to be financed by a donation from the Haney Fruit Ranchers Association) will be given this year.

The McGill University Campus Club wishes to thank the following people for donations on the occasion of the Valentine Scholarship Dance:

Miss Rose Wakabayashi, Mr. G. Takahashi and Mr. T. Shimotakahara.

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JC Community Centre

At a recent General Meeting, the following were elected to executive positions:

Chairman, Jack Hayani; vice-chairman, Y. Ebata; secretary, Japanese K. Miyazaki, English Con Fukuyama; treasurer, Jack Shiomi; auditors, S. Henmi and K. Koyama; directors, 35 members.

As its first project of the new term, the executive is working diligently preparing for its annual bazaar planned for April 24th and 25th. Requests for the support of Montreal JC's will be next month.

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The next Homemakers Group meeting will be held on April 8th, at the home of Mrs. Helen Ogura. The guest speaker will be Dr. K. Scott, pediatrician, who will speak on childhood diseases.

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The kindergarten, which has been meeting at the Community Centre is now taking classes at St. Simon's Church since the 16th.

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In London

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parched lips and then call for more. Closing-time comes incredibly early at 11 p.m. (The subways also stutter to a halt at midnight, and if you are not quick enough you will be walking home.)

Along the squalor of the backstreets of Soho, among the Chinese, Greek, Indian, Italian and French restaurants, lurk the street-walkers, the ubiquitous birds of prey. They are an aging (most of them are in the middle and late thirties) and unappealing lot, heavily painted, not to attract the male, but to conceal time's unseemly scars. There are coffee-shops in this cosmopolitan district with evocative, literary names: Act I, Scene I; Les Enfants Terribles; Le Macabre; Heaven and Hell; and so on. Yet somehow they seem out of place in London; and once inside, the exoticism quickly fades with the poor quality of the coffee, which I suspect, is ordinary Nescafe. One might as well be back on Toronto's Queen Street.

The Teddy Boys—London's adolescent delinquents—lurch glassy-eyed in their jeans and jackets over their cups, jingling their shillings in their pockets, and twitching automatically to the dreary monotone of rock-and-roll. Soho is a district of the restless dead, vaguely unsettling, a surrealistic nightmare of odd spars and ends of things.

To see the Thames River is to be able, perhaps, to see the reason for all this grayness. It flows sullen and muddy past Westminster Abbey, under Waterloo Bridge and to the Tower of London —names of places, of course, that echo with associations of great men and great actions, as thrilling as any in the world's history. The Thames is not now, however, the roaring and vast artery of adventure that it must have been in the past. Instead its life is squeezed and crushed by the smoke-stacks of urban commerce and industry along the banks and besmirched by the splattered leavings of pigeons and gulls. The industrial age has stifled the vivid flame of its physical vitality, has distorted the once lovely lines and curves into repellent ugliness. Now, it is only dully rolling and going. Unlike the Seine, no one plays or dreams there.

There is no outward connection between modern London and all the magic and thrust of the lyric poetry of, say, Keats and Shelly and Wordsworth. Wordsworth, for example, looked at London on one dawn in 1802 and saw the city blend into the rest of the landscape, which was always, in his vision, mystic and tranquil and full of healing powers. Spenser saw swans, nymphs and mythic creatures swim along the Thames in his apotheosis of the English countryside. One can go on and on.

But unsightly modern London and the incandescence of English poetry seem incompatible; it is difficult to refer one to the other. In this kingdom of grayness, how to reconcile the combustible song of gladness and joy, except as an escape into the different world of imagination and fancy, an unsatisfied craving for beauty?

These are only tentative impressions, the kaleidoscope of a first visit that is only a week old. Of course, there will be time to get over the intolerable sense of grayness and dampness that must inevitably oppress the newcomer to London. Of course, there will be time for me to admit that I have exaggerated. Already I begin to feel the silver potentiality of a certain splendour and beauty that surges underneath, still quiescent, but rising and breaking slowly. But how hard one must work to discover it.

Nisei Problem Clinic

By MITSIE

Dear Mitsie:

I have just turned 16 years old and I would like some help. I live where there aren't any Nisei boys with my parents so I date all hakujin boys. I have never gone too far with them but my parents think I have, and always try to stop them from asking me out. We all got in a little trouble recently getting caught in a cottage drinking and necking, but I haven't done the things my girl friends have.

I would rather go around with a Nisei boy, but as I said before, there aren't any around here. Don't get me wrong. I like hakujin boys very much but I've always wanted to meet some of the Nisei boys in Toronto. I saw quite a few there when we visited the annual exhibition last summer. I think I can make my own way and I know I'm of legal age to move away from home. Should I move, or should I wait and perhaps do something I may regret? My father and mother say that we will move to Toronto but they don't know when.

Gradually submitting.

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Dear Gradually Submitting:

Your letter reminds me of an ancient Japanese fable (which I just invented) telling of the little girl who loved to eat raw rice with lots of water. Everyone warned her of what would happen if she didn't curb her craving, but she just pretended that she couldn't help it and continued to gobble it up. I need not tell you the sad ending to this story. You seem to be acting helpless to the warnings of your parents that drinking and necking in cottages will eventually get you into trouble.

Well the next time your hakujin friends invite you out for some "raw rice and water" just say "no thanks" or your stomach may become bloated as the little girl's in the fable.

Going to the big city alone is just as dangerous. Better wait and go to Toronto with your three best friends; your father, mother and your self respect. There is plenty of time left for you to find a nice Nisei boy.

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Dear Mitsie:

I recently met a boy who definitely is a wolf and he scares me but I am very strongly attracted to him. He has a good education as an engineer. I have tried to get him out of mind but can't.

Attracted-to-a-wolf

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Dear Attracted-to-a-wolf

Behind every wolf there's a potential husband but wolves can seldom be trained to become useful house dogs.

All questions and problems should be sent to Mitsie in care of The New Canadian. If personal replies are requested, a self addressed and stamped envelope must be enclosed.

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Three Bright Japanese Students Aim Suicide

KYOTO.—When three of the brightest students at Kyoto's Sujaku High School began talking moodily about life, death and suicide, their teachers shrugged it off as adolescent philosophizing and nothing more.

"They sounded," the teachers said later on, "too much like pups yapping about things they didn't understand."

Today one of the three, a boy, is dead from a lethal combination of gas, sleeping pills and cheap wine. The other two, a boy and a girl, are hospitalized as a result of their suicide attempts.

Their cases came to light last week as a result of the investigations that puzzled and shocked educators are now conducting.

The educators are not certain whether the students had a three-way death pact, or decided separately, as a result of their talks on the meaning of life, to commit suicide.

They are convinced, however, that this was no love pact. Instead, it might have been a grisly intellectual covenant among three youths of more than average intelligence.

The first to attempt suicide was one of the boys. He took poison last December, but lived.

The second boy tried on Jan. 13, and succeeded. He kept a chronicle of his last moments, beginning with a rambling philosophical preface on the concept of death and then detailing, with cold precision, the process by which he took his own life.

"Sleeping pills are washed down with a lot of wine," he wrote. "Gas now is turned on. It's 1 p.m. sharp . . . 1:35 p.m. and I feel fine . . ."

His handwriting began to grow shaky and his words began to sound like a drunken man's. Then the writing became blurred, and finally it stopped.

The boy died at 3:50 p.m. in an ambulance en route to the Red Cross Hospital in Kyoto.

Late last month the third student tried. She swallowed sleeping pills but her suicide attempt failed.

The two survivors are now under medical surveillance. They have willingly submitted to limited questioning, but their teachers so far have not gotten to the basic question—why?

Their teachers now recall that the three of them used to say, "life is fundamentally insignificant, so suicide is justified."

The prefectural education board, alarmed that the upshot may be a wave of suicides among students, is carrying out an investigation.

"We can't just stand here and watch the suicide urge turn into an epidemic disease," said one educator.

"The development could result in mental anarchy among the adolescents," said Kyoto University humanities professor Taro Sonohara. "The most susceptible to this suicide urge must be admitted to mental hospitals at once."

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Switch to Tango Lessons At Club Rec Socratic

Ever hear of a step called the "Media Cortez" or the "El Creciente", or the "La Vid?" Well, we'll start teaching them to you all starting this Sunday, March 22nd at Club Rec Socratic. Tango is on the order for the night, so shine up those shoes and let's go Latin and dance to slow, slow, quick, quick, slow.

Tango is a slightly more difficult dance, but once you master the basic steps, it's a terrific dance with lots of swirls and dips, especially made for showing off to the ladies. By the way gents, I am confident that after the tango lessons, your fox trot step will be vastly improved, especially in your leading.

An added reminder that Club Rec Socratic is sponsoring its 7th "Annual Monte Carlo Nite" dance at UNF Hall, on March 27. Here is an open invitation to all visitors and to those who are not planning on going out of town during the Easter Weekend, to come on out and join the fun of dancing with us. —Geo.

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